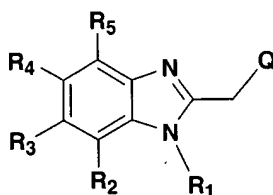


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Delete claims 2 and 3.

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows.

Claim 1 (amended once) A compound of Formula I, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,



Formula I

wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> is -(CR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)<sub>n</sub>-X;

R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; each of said C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl being optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen;

X is H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; said C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl being optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of (1) one to six same or different halogen or hydroxy; (2) heteroaryl; (3) non-aromatic heterocyclic ring and (4) a member selected from Group A;

n is 1-6;

~~Group A is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, CN, OR<sup>x</sup>, N<sup>+</sup>R<sup>e</sup>R<sup>d</sup>R<sup>e</sup>[T<sup>-</sup>], NR<sup>e</sup>R<sup>d</sup>, COR<sup>e</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>x</sup>, CONR<sup>x</sup>R<sup>y</sup> and S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sup>e</sup>;~~  
~~R<sup>x</sup> and R<sup>y</sup> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;~~  
~~R<sup>e</sup>, R<sup>d</sup> and R<sup>e</sup> are independently C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;~~

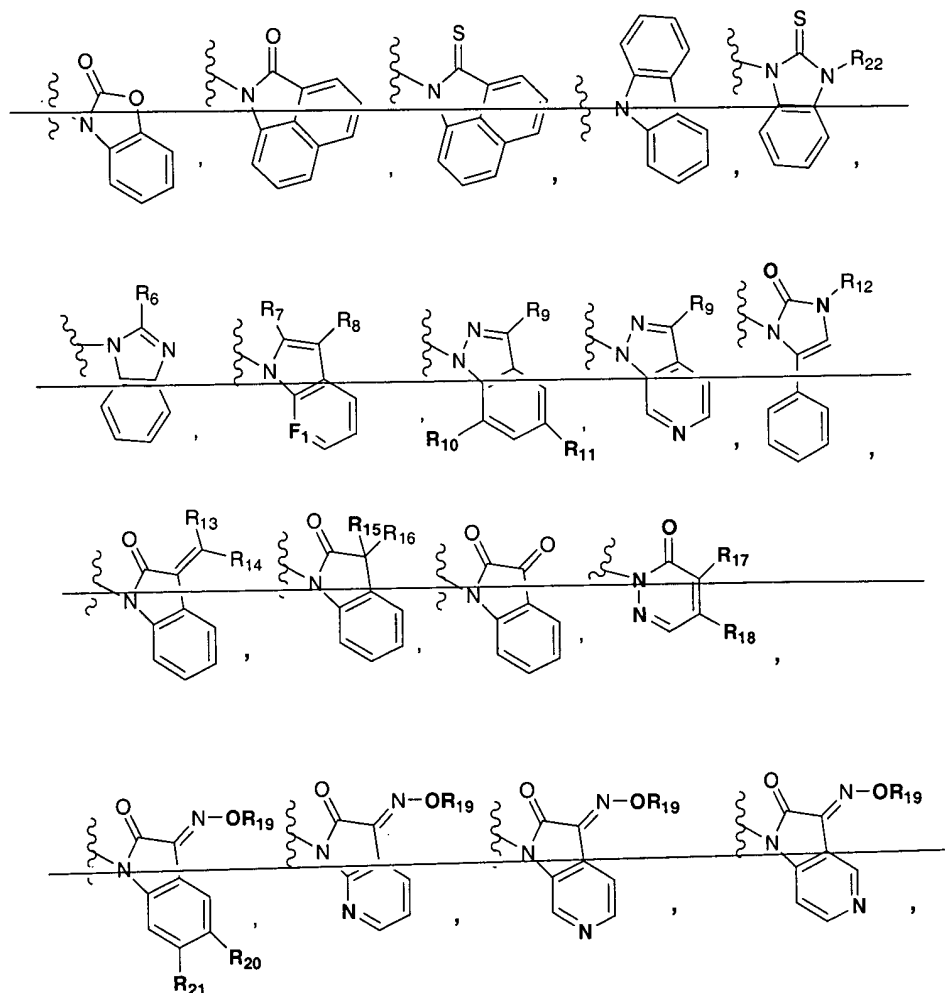
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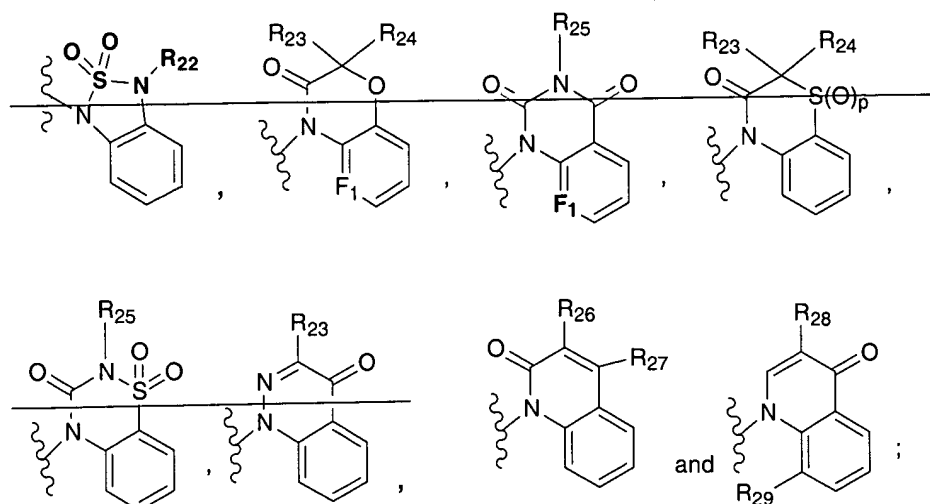
T is halogen,  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  or  $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^-$

$R_2$  and  $R_5$  are independently halogen or H;

$R_3$  and  $R_4$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, halogen and  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl;  
said  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl can be optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen;

Q is a member selected from the group consisting of





$F_4$  is ~~CH~~ or N;

$R_6$  is selected from the group consisting of H, halogen,  $NR^fR^g$ ,  $SR^n$  and a five-membered heteroaryl containing one to two of the same or different heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S and N;

$R^f$  and  $R^g$  are independently H,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl; said  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $OR^h$  or  $CO_2R^h$ ;

$R^h$  is and  $R^i$  are independently H or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl;

$R^n$  is  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $CO_2R^h$ ;

$R_7$  is H, or  $CO_2R^h$ ;

$R_8$  is H,  $COR^h$ ,  $CO_2R^h$  or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl; said  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $OR^h$ ;

$R_9$  is H, halogen, heteroaryl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with a halogen group, phenyl substituted with a methanesulfonyl group,  $COR^h$ ,  $CO_2R^h$ ,  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$  alkenyl, and  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl; said  $C_{2-4}$  alkynyl optionally substituted with  $C_{1-6}$  cycloalkyl;

~~R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> are independently H, NO<sub>2</sub> or NR<sup>h</sup>R<sup>i</sup>~~

~~R<sub>12</sub> is H, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup> or C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl; said C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;~~

~~R<sub>13</sub> and R<sub>14</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OR<sup>h</sup>, CONR<sup>i</sup>R<sup>k</sup>, NR<sup>i</sup>R<sup>m</sup> and pyrrolidine; wherein said pyrrolidine is attached at the nitrogen atom;~~

~~R<sup>i</sup> and R<sup>k</sup> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted with phenyl;~~

~~R<sup>i</sup> and R<sup>m</sup> are independently C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;~~

~~R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OR<sup>h</sup>, phenyl, pyridyl and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl; said C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted with CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>;~~

~~R<sub>17</sub> and R<sub>18</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, NR<sup>i</sup>R<sup>m</sup>, SR<sup>h</sup> and morpholine; wherein said morpholine is attached at the nitrogen atom;~~

~~R<sub>19</sub> is selected from the group consisting of H, phenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>-alkenyl and C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl; said C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl optionally substituted with one to six same or different halogen, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>, CONR<sup>h</sup>R<sup>i</sup>, pyridyl and one to three phenyl groups; wherein in the case of C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl substituted with one phenyl group, said phenyl group is optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, PO(OR<sup>h</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>n</sup> and CONR<sup>h</sup>R<sup>i</sup>;~~

~~R<sup>n</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;~~

~~R<sub>20</sub> and R<sub>21</sub> are independently H or halogen;~~

~~R<sub>22</sub> is C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;~~

~~R<sub>23</sub> and R<sub>24</sub> are independently H or C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;~~

~~R<sub>25</sub> is C<sub>1-6</sub>-cycloalkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl; said C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl group optionally substituted with a member selected from the group consisting of CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>, PhCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup> and one to six same or different halogens;~~

R<sub>26</sub> is selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, OR<sup>h</sup> and COR<sup>h</sup>; said C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl being optionally substituted with OR<sup>h</sup>;

R<sub>27</sub> is H, OR<sup>h</sup> or CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>;

R<sub>28</sub> is CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>h</sup>; and

R<sub>29</sub> is H or halogen; and

~~heteroaryl is a 5- or 6-membered aromatic ring containing at least one and up to four non-carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S;~~

~~non-aromatic heterocyclic ring is a 3 to 7-membered non-aromatic ring containing at least one and up to four non-carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N and S; and~~

~~p is 0-2.~~

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are hydrogen.

Claim 5 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-X and n is 2-4.

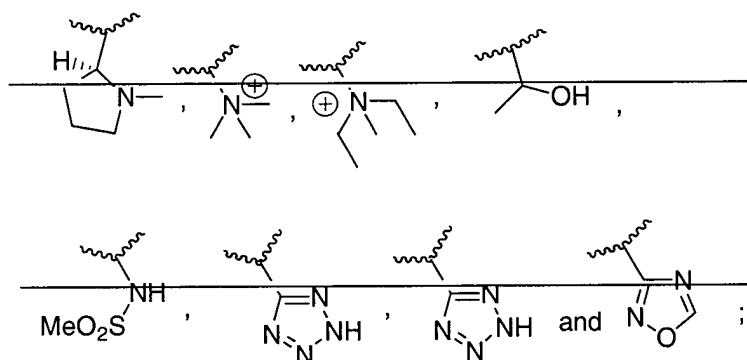
Claim 6 (original) A compound in claim 1 wherein  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, fluorine and  $C_{1-2}$  alkyl; said  $C_{1-2}$  alkyl being optionally substituted with one to three fluorine atoms.

Claim 7 (amended once) A compound in claim 1 wherein:

$R_1$  is 3-methyl-2-butyl or  $-(CH_2)_n-X$ ; and wherein  $n$  is 2-4.

~~X is a member selected from the group consisting of~~

~~$-F$ ,  $-CN$ ,  $-SR^c$ ,  $-SO_2R^c$ ,  $-OR^x$ ,  $-COR^c$ ,  $CO_2R^x$ ,  $CONR^xR^y$ ,  
 $[NR^cR^dR^e][T^-]$ ,  $-$~~



~~$R^c$ ,  $R^d$  and  $R^e$  are independently  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl; and~~

~~$R^x$  and  $R^y$  are independently H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl.~~

Claim 8 (original) A compound of claim 1 wherein:

$R_2$  and  $R_5$  are independently H.

Claim 9 (previously cancelled).

Claim 10 (original) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a therapeutically effective amount of one or more of the aforementioned compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1-8, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.